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Easy Christmas Shopping

This store makes your Christmas shopping easy. This store offers you the best of holiday goods, the kind that are appreciated most by the recipient.

Not a store in the Southwest shows as handsome lines of ladies' and gentlemen's neckwear. All of this pretty stock new style—not one is a back number. Two prices for men, 25c and 48c. For ladies prices range from 10c silk ties to \$1.50 velvet and satin trimmed with fine laces and delicate braids.

We say you have never seen a more varied and larger stock of mufflers shown in Tazewell. At 60c silk and wool in plaid or flowered designs. At 75c, silk with heavy brocade figures and the padded and quilted styles. Finer goods in the reversible styles at \$1.25.

To hugely please the practical house wife presenter with linen for her table. Fine hemstitched table cloth and napkins to match, \$6.75 the set.

This slipper section contains the choice selections of some noted slipper makers slippers for ladies at 40c, 65c \$1.25, \$1.48 and \$1.75. For men at 48c, \$1.48, and \$1.75. For children, 75c, 97c the pair.

An umbrella is a gift to be appreciated. This stock is ready as never before with the prettiest handles, the most serviceable handles procurable. Choice of a dozen styles, at \$2.25 and \$2.48 each. A choicer selection of better and finer grades at \$2.98, \$3.26 and \$4.98 each.

R. C. CHAPMAN

FIGHT AGAINST THE CANTEN.

The Rev. Mr. Miller Strongly Endorses the Canteen, While Many Ladies Appeal for Its Abolition.

Washington, December 8.—The Senate Committee on Military Affairs to-day continued its hearing upon the anti-canteen provision of the Military bill, hearing, in addition to a number of short speeches in advocacy of the provision, a protest against it from the Rev. Mr. Miller, who served fourteen months as an army chaplain in the Philippines.

Mrs. Thatcher, of New Jersey, appealed for the abolition of the canteen on financial grounds, saying that it caused soldiers to squander not only their health and their time, but their money as well.

Mrs. Kells, of Mississippi, spoke for the mothers of the soldiers, saying that all of them favored the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Mrs. Ingalls, of St. Louis, said she knew of many soldier boys who had contracted the liquor habit at the canteen. Miss Kearney, of Mississippi, said she had been informed that General Egan had been a notable exception among general army officers in favoring the canteen.

Mrs. Allison, W. C. T. U. superintendent of legislation, said that official statistics show that the liquor traffic is literally following the American flag to the tropics. She presented figures to show that the liquor exports from the United States to Cuba for the first five months of 1899 had reached \$72,300, as against \$10,796 for the entire year of 1898. In the Philippines and Porto Rico there had been a corresponding increase.

Mr. Miller gave his unreserved endorsement to the canteen, and said that this view was the result of actual observation in the Philippines. He declared himself to be a temperance man, and said that it was because he is such he took this position. In the Philippines the canteen is not, he said, the low grog shop that it has been described, but is entitled to be called a post exchange, as it officially is called. He was sure that these exchanges do much to restrict drunkenness. The reason for his position was found in the fact that if the soldiers could not get the lager beer and the light wines supplied at the canteens, they would patronize the low groceries kept by the natives, where only vino is sold. This liquor he described as especially harmful to health, and said its effect often was almost to cause insanity. Many vine "johns" had been destroyed by the establishment of the canteen. Mr. Miller expressed the opinion that 98 per cent. of the officers of the army are favorable to the canteen, and also said that the enlisted men want it. He quoted written opinions from post commanders in the Philippines in support of his position.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are dainty little pills, but they never fail to cleanse the liver, remove obstructions and invigorate the system. Jno. E. Jackson.

EXPOSITION MAKING.

THE PAN-AMERICAN TO EXCEL IN MANY PARTICULARS.

The most delicate and intricate piece of work ever attempted for exhibition purposes—color and decorative embellishment.

The development of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo is observed with profound interest throughout the western world. Almost every day shows some new feature of the magnificent enterprise completed. Some new towers aloft its ornamental pinnacles some new dome presents its rounded top to the sky, or some new decoration of form or color is added to the wonderful bouquet of architectural loveliness.

There was an Exposition so novel so unlike what the world has heard to expect, as this. With the glorious examples of the Exposition built of art and genius to look back upon with fond remembrance and admiration, the world has wondered if all that has been promised for the Pan-American would be realized. If one may judge by the present stage of the vast work, the millions of visitors to Buffalo during the exposition season, which begins on the 1st of May next, will not be disappointed.

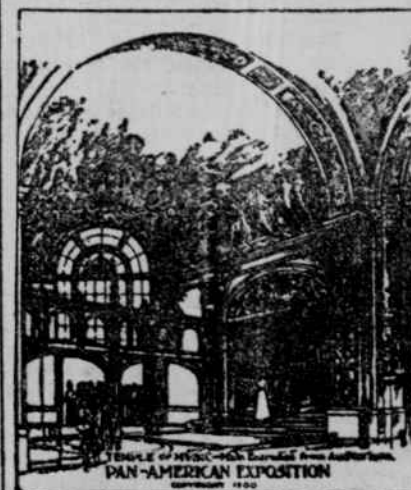
The Pan-American Exposition will outshine its distinguished predecessors in many particulars. Of these the courtships are of first importance. In order that there may be abundant room for the elaborate decorative effects 33 acres are alone devoted to court. This area is two and a half times the area of the courts at the Chicago Columbian Exposition. About the broad courts are grouped a score of great buildings, in which the multitude of exhibits from all parts of the western world are to be displayed.

An second important feature may be mentioned the ornate architecture, the use of plastic ornamentation of veritable and beautiful design and the employment of original sculptured groups in the exterior decorations of buildings, entrances and architectural features. No less than 125 original sculptured groups, modeled by some 30 or 40 pre distinguished American sculptors will be used in this feature of the decorative work.

The use of an elaborate color scheme has never before been attempted at an exposition. The appropriate title of the "Rainbow City" has already been applied to this great group of brilliantly colored buildings, and lovers of color will find the exquisite harmony of this that has here been produced a most delightful subject for contemplation and study.

As a fourth point of superiority may be named the hydraulic and fountain features. In all the courts are broad pools containing numberless cascades and fountains. These will add to the beauty of the great work in no small degree. Many of the fine sculptures will form a part of these charming fountains. A broad and stately canal, a mile and a half in length, banked with grass and lined with a double row of young trees, completely encircles the main group of buildings.

The horticultural embellishment of the grounds constitutes a fifth point of excellence. Ornamental trees, shrubs, lawns and flowers of brilliant hue will



delight the eye everywhere. Sunken gardens and formal beds of flowers will surround fountains and pools and border upon the walks throughout the courts.

Crowning the great work of producing unparalleled vistas and an exposition picture of unrivaled beauty will be the electrical illumination. Only when a great volume of power is available, such as Buffalo possesses in the newly harnessed Niagara, could electric illumination be undertaken on so grand a scale. With unlimited power to draw upon, the electrician has had no restraining conditions in his work. The electric tower, 375 feet high, of rich and elaborate design, will form the centerpiece of the electrical brilliancy, while every building, fountain and architectural feature and even the broad surfaces of the artificial lakes and pools, with floating lights, will glow with electrical radiance and lustre. The scene will be one of unsurpassed loveliness, hitherto impossible and unlikely soon to be repeated again on account of the vast expenditure of electrical energy necessary to produce it.

MARK BENNETT.

Manitoba and the Exposition. The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo next year is assured of a representative exhibit from the important province of Manitoba. Special Commissioner Henderson, who has made a tour of northwestern Canada for the Exposition, met with gratifying success in arousing interest in the enterprise.

Oregon Editors Will Go to Buffalo. The Oregon Press association at its annual convention recently voted to hold its annual excursion meeting in 1901 at the Pan-American Exposition.

PATHETIC EPISTLE

From Rev. J. J. Wohle to His Wife.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8.—Body of the Rev. J. J. Wohle, who was shot and killed at Williamsport, W. Va., by Attorney S. D. Stokes, Wednesday, was taken through here yesterday en route to Hawesville, Ky., for burial at his wife's old home. It was accompanied by Banker William M. O'Brien, of Williamsport.

Just before he was killed Mr. Wohle wrote the following letter to his wife who was visiting her father at Hawesville:

"My Dear Wife.—I am in trouble and may suffer violence. I have offended some people by condemning beer drinking and balls. I hear rumors of violence. Let me assure you I thought not of evil or of doing evil by anything I said, and let me say, precious wife, how I love you and how this hurts me for your sake. Forgive me, as I trust God will, and help me to do my duty. If this trouble is averted, I hope never to be guilty of this again. Others will explain how I did it all, and you can see me in it every bit. I leave all I have, of course, to you dear, and I trust you will be happy."

"Teach your little girl to be good and meek and father in heaven Oh, how my heart goes out in love to you, and hope that all will blow over without harm."

When you write mother send her something from me. Send my books to the Union Theological Seminary, at Richmond, and ask the book agent there to dispose of them at the best price for you.

"With best wishes, and praying you to be tender towards my name."

Sensational Preaching.

Sensational preachers have an object lesson in the West Virginia tragedy which they may study to their profit. A bright young clergyman preached a sermon on dancing, in the course of which he exhibited a cartoon picture of a ballroom scene with various paths leading towards "rain," and among the places shown as the logical result of the dance was an infamous "resort." It is said that the preacher made his remarks so general as to include all women who danced, married or single.

It is not surprising that the sermon caused sensation and that it aroused the indignation of a number of people. One of these was a young lawyer in the community, who called on him to account and the result was a street duel, in which both the lawyer and the preacher used their pistols, the preacher shooting first, according to the printed account. Both men were desperately in earnest, both shot to kill, and as a result of the duel the preacher is dead and the lawyer has two or three bullet holes in his body.

What good thing has been gained we ask, by this sensational sermon and its tragic end? Is the cause of religion to be promoted by that sort of preaching? Can a preacher help either religion or morality by offering a gross and brutal insult to women in this community of good character and standing? Has the preacher the right to go outside of his own congregation and assail the conduct and character of those who indulge in what he calls worldly amusements?

There are questions which preachers must answer for themselves, but it does seem to a layman that the cause of religion is always injured and never helped by a departure from gospel preaching. The instruction to the preacher is simple and plain. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." That is the command which the Lord gave to his disciples, and no human preacher can improve upon the Bible way.—Richmond Times.

Many persons have had the experience of Mr. Peter Sherman, of North Stratford, N. H., who says: "For years I suffered torture from chronic indigestion, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure made a well man of me." It digests what you eat and is a sure cure for dyspepsia and every form of stomach trouble. It gives relief at once even in the worst cases, and can't help but do you good. Jno. E. Jackson.

Penitentiary Report.

The November report of Superintendent George M. Helms, of the State Penitentiary, was submitted to the Governor yesterday, showing 1,455 prisoners to have been held on Nov. 1st, and 1,498, an increase of 44, to have been carried on the rolls during the month. Six white and four colored men were pardoned and eighteen discharged on expiration of sentence.

Seven colored men escaped from Bedford county and four have been recaptured. These men were in a squad of seventeen at work on the roads in that county. At the end of November 1,458 convicts were in the penitentiary, an increase, including escapes, of four prisoners.

The general health of the prisoners is reported as good, and no deaths were recorded during the month. No women were pardoned during the month, and there are now 72 white women and 262 colored women in the prison, and at the farm.

Besides the contract men the occupation of the prisoners today is thus classified: Blacksmiths, 3; specialists, 25; runners, 3; barber, 7; jobbers, 25; carpenters, 5; sweepers, 9; cooks, 18; disabled, 0; in hospital 0.

The "Picture Man."

Did the picture man leave any pictures with you? We are safe in saying that the above question has been asked in this office by at least a quarter hundred of people within the past ten days.

For the benefit of anxious inquirers we wish to state once for all, that we know nothing whatever of the "picture man."

Sometime in October, about the 20th, a Mr. Latta, claiming to represent the Roanoke Photograph Co. came to town, rented a room, and went to work, advertising pictures and work at a low rate. A good deal of work was done for him in this office, which was promptly paid for by Mr. Latta, who seemed to be a nice young man.

He made a good impression upon all whom he met. No work was finished here, the negatives being sent to Roanoke, so he said, to be developed and finished.

Because of the cheapness of his work he took a great many orders from people from nearly every section of the country, as well as many in town. On November the 30th Mr. Latta left town, summoned, he said, to Radford by a hurry telegram and since that time, so far as we know, nothing has been heard from him or the pictures promised, all, or nearly all of which were paid for when order was given. A large number of women and men have been in town making inquiries. We don't wish to do any body injustice, and simply state the facts.

We are somewhat concerned ourselves, as the gentleman has our order (and money) for pictures which haven't put in an appearance as yet. We hope everything will prove out all right. All that can be done is to wait and see. A letter addressed a few days ago to the Roanoke Photo Co., making inquiries, has not been heard from up to this writing, (Tuesday).

Since writing the above the following letter has been received from Mr. Shear, the manager of the Roanoke Photo Company:

ROANOKE, VA.
Dec. 10th, 1900.

CLINCH VALLEY NEWS.

Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of 8th, the Mr. Latta you refer to has no connection whatever with us or our business. We never even heard of him before.

We have heard of others doing Photo business under our name, the object being I suppose to avoid paying State license. We have had several parties working for us at various times, some of them having copies of our license, and we presume this accounts for their doing business under our name.

We have a branch Studio at Charlottesville, Va., which we sold to a Mr. Hugh Mangum, with the right to continue business under our name. That place is the only outside our studio here, which has any legitimate right to do business under Roanoke Photo Co.

We would like very much to put a stop to those shysters doing business under our name, but they seem to be so very movable and transient we can't get up with them.

Respectfully,

G. W. SHEAR,
Manager Roanoke Photo Co.

CREED REVISION

Is Recommended by Presbyterian Committee.

Washington, Dec. 8.—After two hours' deliberation today the Presbyterian Committee concluded its discussion of the revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith and adjourned.

The committee and on examination of the returns from the Presbyteries the following facts:

One—That the returns plainly indicate that the Church desires some changes in its credal statement.

Two—These returns indicate plainly that no change is desired which would in any way impair the integrity of the system of doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith.

Three—These returns also indicate that a large plurality desire that changes should be made by some new statement of present doctrines.

Fourth—The returns also indicate a desire upon the part of many Presbyteries for some revision of the present confession.

Fifth—It was, therefore, unanimously agreed by the committee to recommend to the General Assembly that some revision or change be made in our confessional statements.

The committee will convene in this city on February 12th next, to finally prepare the statement to the General Assembly in May.

Casualties in Russell.

Last week was marked by a number of casualties in Russell. Sam Hughes, a boy, accidentally shot and killed Clarence Brown with whom he was hunting. Both colored.

Ike Smithers, sixteen, accidentally shot and killed Buck Rankin, same age while hunting.

Bill Williams was shot by Will Harding near Dickensonville. The men were at a dance. Williams will recover.

Harve Puckett, aged 60, shot Ed. McCloud, 21, near Lebanon. McCloud was drunk. He will recover.

Mrs. Malcombe, widow, 70 years old, was shot by knocking a gun off a table where it had been left by a hunter. She was shot in the hip, and the limb was amputated.

GENERAL NEWS

Wytheville, Va. Dec. 8.—Additional and reliable information is received today to the effect that the negro rapist, Dan Long, who was lynched night before last near Ivanhoe, when identified by Mrs. Fisher said that she told the truth; that he had accomplished his purpose and knew what to expect, and his captors might do what they pleased.

The negro Hale, who had been with Long and was arrested with him, was stripped and severely thrashed by the mob. Evidence has since developed indications of a conspiracy between the negroes, which will probably result in the prosecution of Hale, though he was discharged upon a preliminary examination before a magistrate on yesterday.

Pulaski, Va., Dec. 8.—Fred Vickers of Dublin, attempted to kill Erick Vermillion, a prominent citizen of near that place, yesterday evening, by shooting him with a pistol. Vickers shot twice, but did not hit Vermillion. Vickers was drinking, and there was no cause known for the shooting. Vickers immediately decamped, but will doubtless be apprehended. He is a son of Deputy Sheriff Vickers.

The large Baltimore Bargain House and the large building of Grayton Loeb and Co., was destroyed by fire last Saturday night. The loss will reach \$300,000.

Rev. Jno. E. Wool preached the funeral sermon of Rev. J. J. Wohle, who was killed at Williamsport last week. His remains were shipped to Kentucky for burial. He leaves a wife and two children, who were visiting in Kentucky at the time of his death.

The Richmond Times says there are 10,000 young women employed in the factories, department stores and offices in that city.

Former Representative Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, has been appointed to fill the place of the late Cushman K. Davis.

Prof. Frank Roane, teacher of English and German in the Lynchburg High School, was found dead in his bed last Saturday morning. He was fifty years old and died of apoplexy.

The Negro Lewis Hale Indicted.

Wytheville, Va., Dec. 10.—The grand jury impaneled today, the first of the December term of the County Court, returned an indictment against Lewis Hale, the negro who accompanied Dan Long, who was lynched near Ivanhoe Thursday night, as assaulting Mrs. Robert Fisher. Hale was thrashed by the mob and subsequently discharged upon preliminary trial by a magistrate, but evidence has developed which will cause his prosecution. Though charged by the judge in regard to a lynching, the grand jury returned no indictments against any of the mob.

WENT THRU WITH A RUSH

Record Time Made on the First of the Gr Supply Bills.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The first of the great supply bill—the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill—was passed by the House today in record time. The bill carries \$24,496,300 and has 131 pages, but there was less than ten minutes debate upon it. Mr. Bingham (Pa.), who was in charge of the measure, tendered thanks to the House for the action shown in the Appropriations Committee. It required about 10 hours for the clerk to read the bill. No other business was transacted.

SERIOUS WR AVERTED.

Other Interesting happenings in Pocahontas.

Pocahontas, Va., Dec. 10.—About half past three o'clock No. 8, run by Joseph Wright, came out of the mines at rate of sixty five miles an hour. George Pettitt, an old man, tried to jump the engine, and to do so jumped the loaded car at a great risk, succeeded in getting in the engine, and wrecked the car of nine cars, saving the life engineer Wainwright, who was completely smothered, lying dead in the engine. If Pettitt had stopped the train it would have killed the tipples. Jess Davis, brakeman on the train, was smothered brought out shortly after. He fell off and when brought out but little life in him. Dr. Stone of the Company physicians, called and succeeded in reviving him in a short time.

The South West company is progressing finely under management of Supt. O'Mally his efficient assistant, A. J. K. Large improvements are in press and others contemplated, in out of the mines, in grading, in new tracks, on the tipples & on the yard of the Company to be, at present, very large quantities of hewed ties, props &c., and or sawed lumber. Most of these tied much of this mining timber, we from the Clinch Valley Division.

Col. Jas. S. Browning is succeeding with his mining operation. He is also hauling large quantities of timber from his large bounds. Col. Browning is also interested with a number of Tazewell gentlemen in the new mines at Raven, in the C. V. Division.

WEDNES.

VALUABLE MILL PROPERTY

At North Tazewell to be sold Also Some Valuable lots. I will sell privately a most valuable water power with well equipped burr flouring and feed mill at North Tazewell, with several adjoining lots and commodious cottages and grounds. The power is well adapted for woolen or cotton mills, or any kind of manufacturing.

H. M. SMYTHE,
Willow Springs, V.
or J. A. LESLIE,
Tazewell, V.

GRUNDY GONE

Fire Destroys Business Houses and Postoffice.

News reached here yesterday of a serious fire at Grundy on Wednesday morning. The fire started in the rear of Hatcher's store and rapidly spread to adjoining houses. Three stores, including the store and ware room of the Yellow Poplar Lumber Co., two offices and the postoffice were burned. It was with great difficulty that the court house was saved. The loss of the court house would have been nothing short of a public calamity as the county has already lost two court houses by fire and the litigation arising from the destruction of the records has been very prolonged and expensive.

The town has no protection against fire and it is very fortunate that the fire was not more serious.

Our Christmas Trade.

A gentleman from a nearby town went through our stores last week, and remarked to us that he was astonished at the amount of Christmas goods he saw. He said that J. B. Boyer had "enough stuff" in his store to supply the whole county, let alone equally as large stocks carried by a number of the other firms, all of which goes to show that our people are large buyers.

Probably more and better goods are sold in Tazewell, not only at Christmas but all along during the year, than in any town of like size in Virginia. This Christmas will be no exception to the rule. Our merchants are all doing a fine Christmas business, particularly those who handle Christmas specialties.

Site for Lime Kiln.

Mr. Jno. W. Campbell, of Giles county, is in the neighborhood looking for a site to put up a first class lime kiln. He has been in correspondence with Mr. M. L. Peery for some time. The kiln will be located probably, near North Tazewell. A large kiln, built of fine proof brick, and constructed after improved methods is contemplated. Such a concern would pay in this vicinity where there is so much fine lime stone.

Coffee House.

The sale of the Coffee House has been confirmed to its purchasers, J. M. Coffey, J. W. Moss and J. W. Hoge. The Coffee House has a big trade and has been the best \$1.00 per day house ever run in Tazewell, in fact equal to any \$3.00 house on the Clinch Valley. Now the property belongs to its proprietors and you can expect the best entertainment for the money that ever was given in the town or county. Dr. Stone of the Company physicians, called and succeeded in reviving him in a short time.

The merry Christmas is but a short while off and the shop windows bear witness that the merchants are keenly alive to the fact Monday the holiday trade will begin in earnest and by the end of next week it will be in full swing. Never since the founding of Tazewell has the purchasing public had a more attractive or varied display of merchandise to select holiday gifts from, and probably what we call "the times" were never more favorable for liberal purchasers. Some of the windows display exhibit the highest art of holiday decoration, and the toy shops look as though old Kris Kringle had taken cognizance of improved conditions and proposed to give the little ones the merriest Christmas of their lives. The ingenuity of the toy maker has kept pace with mechanical progress at the end of the century and there never was such a variety of novel and attractive toys to be seen in Tazewell as this year. These and other signs indicate that the season of gift-making and good cheer is upon us Christmas is in the air.

Public Sale.

R. D. Brown advertises for sale his stock, grain forage, winter vegetables &c. Sale to take place tomorrow, 15th, at his home on Carvatta Creek. There is a large number of horses, mules, sheep, cattle, hogs, &c.